

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 686**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

February 17, 2005

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An act to amend Section 123822 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to children's services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 686, as introduced, Chu. Children's services.

Existing law provides for the California Children's Services Program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which services are provided to physically handicapped children under 21 years of age. Under existing law, the State Director of Health Services establishes standards relating to local administration and minimum services to be offered by counties in conducting the program. Existing law requires all claims for services provided under the program to be submitted to the state fiscal intermediary for payment.

This bill would provide that Medi-Cal edits applied to claims by the state fiscal intermediary that deny or reduce reimbursement shall not apply to claims for services authorized by the California Children's Services Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 123822 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1     123822. (a) All claims for services provided under this article  
2 shall be submitted to the state fiscal intermediary for payment no  
3 later than January 1, 1999. The State Department of Health  
4 Services shall work in cooperation with the counties to develop a  
5 timeline for implementing the centralized billing system. If a  
6 department review of those counties participating in the  
7 centralized billing system demonstrates that as of January 1,  
8 2000, any county has incurred increased costs as a result of  
9 submitting claims for services to the state fiscal intermediary,  
10 that county may be exempt from this section.

11     (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, Medi-Cal edits applied to*  
12 *claims by the state fiscal intermediary that deny or reduce*  
13 *reimbursement shall not apply to claims for services authorized*  
14 *by the California Children's Services Program.*